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TEA CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total area under tea cultivation in the country State-wise;

(b) the number of workers employed by Tea Industry, State-wise;

(c) the details of the number of tea estates registered in each State alongwith the production and quantity of tea grown by small tea growers;

(d) whether death cases have occurred in the tea gardens due to starvation;

(e) if so, the details thereof during the last three years State-wise; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the workers engaged in the tea industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c): State-wise details of total area under cultivation of tea, number of workers employed in tea industry and number of tea estates registered are given below:

States	Area (2005)# (in thousand ha.)	Estimated No. of workers employed (2005)	No. of Estates (area >10.12 hect.)
Assam	272.00	618,139	824
West Bengal	114.50	262,702	311
Tripura	8.36	11,620	58
Bihar	2.10	120	1
Uttaranchal	1.45	312	10
Himachal Pradesh	2.35	993	24
Manipur	1.32	695	6
Sikkim	0.19	418	1
Arunachal Pradesh	2.07	1,592	27
Nagaland	1.90	137	7
Meghalaya	0.28	235	7
Mizoram	0.77	75	7
Orissa	0.21	462	1
Total North India	407.50	897,500	1,284
Tamil Nadu	76.25	266,383	228
Kerala	37.12	90,148	154
Karnataka	2.13	4,769	18
Total South India	115.50	361,300	400
Total All India	523.00	1,258,800	1,684

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(Source: Tea Board)

Tea (made tea) produced at the Estate level and by small tea growers are as under –

(Figures in Million Kgs)

	2006 Estimates		
	North India	South India	All India
Estate grown tea (estate area > 10.12 Hect)	590.0	142.8	732.8
Small Growers production (estate area < 10.12 Hect)	139.6	83.5	223.1
All Total	729.6	226.3	955.9

(d) & (e) : Government/Tea Board do not have any such report/information.

(f) : As an on-going process, Tea Board has been implementing a number of plan schemes for the overall development of the tea industry which includes welfare of workers engaged in Tea Industry. Tea Board has also been extending financial grants towards various labour welfare measures. The welfare scheme under the head of Human Resource Development has been included in the XIth Plan as well.